

The Pocahontas Times.

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ON TO GRAFTON

An Account of the March to Grafton by the Virginia State Volunteers, in 1861

SOME SUPPLEMENTARY WORDS

By the Author Letter from Osborne Wilson, Former Member of the "Highlanders"

Being anxious to record as many names as I could obtain of the volunteer soldiers that went out from Highland at the time referred to in these diaries, I applied to Osborne Wilson, Esq., of Monterey, Va. He readily complied and rendered what assistance that was in his power, as his interesting letter herewith given will explain:

Rev W. T. Price,
Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Sir: Replying to your card of the 8th instant, I will state that as Adjutant of Highland Camp of Confederate Veterans, I have in my custody an old roll of Company E, 31st Virginia Volunteer Infantry, of which company as you know I had the honor of being a member from May 11, 1861, to April 6, 1865, at which time I was captured in action at the battle of "Five Forks." The roll, I think, is in the hand writing of Wm. M. Chew, and as you see, is made out on an original Confederate blank. I have torn the part which I send to you by mail, containing the names of the original members of Captain F. H. Hull's company. The part of the roll from which I tore the part I send you is entirely blank.

I loan you the roll, and will expect you to return it to me when you get from it what you want. I am sorry that the copy does not show all about the record of each enlisted man, as it might have done, for there were blank columns for all that information, on the same line opposite each soldier's name.

I preserved and still have all my diaries that I kept during the war, but I have been kept so busy struggling to make a living since the bloody days of '61-'65 that I have not found time to make much use of them. They contain a good deal that came under my personal observation that if called from the silly things recorded every day, might be of interest to the public.

A soldier in the ranks, marching, fighting, and camping, has too prescribed an opportunity to observe much that is going on even in his own Division and Brigade.

When I was captured on the evening of April 6th, 1865, I had in my knapsack the roll of our Company, which contained a brief history of every man on the roll.

This I succeeded in concealing from my captors at the two or three inspections of my belongings by having it spread out between the two of my cotton shirts, and when the contents of my knapsack was being searched for "contraband of war," I so turned and manipulated the well worn old cotton shirts as to keep the Federal officer from seeing the old, worn, dingy roll. It was so limber from use that it did not rattle or make a noise. I did not have to tell the inspector it was or was not between those shirts. He was doing that job.

Well, after all my care and pains in bringing that old roll out of the cruel war and home safely, Sarge Wash. C. Snyder of the same Company, borrowed it from me, and when he emigrated to Nebraska in 1866, took it along with him, and all my efforts to get it back have proved in vain.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs Price, and believe me as ever yours,
O. WILSON.

Roster of Company E, Thirty-first Virginia Volunteer Infantry:

F. H. Hull
J. W. Myers
Robert H. Bradshaw
Jesse Gilmer
Frank Patterson
Jacob C. Matheny
Osborne Wilson
Samuel A. Gilmore
A. F. Swadley
Jacob Beverage
Erasmus H. Hite
Isaac B. Caldwell
Matthias B. Bodkin
Adam S. Clendennin
Stuart A. Campbell
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Otho W. Bird
American R. Blundell
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Reuben K. Dever
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To get the sweet anise root we had to go far up the creek, wade a deep river, pick our way through a snakey looking swamp in mortal terror of seeing a copperhead, and coming to a laurel ridge farther up, was a rich hollow, and we soon found lots of sweet anise. Gathering a large bunch of roots, we started back, but stumbled on several sang stalks, and a big bed of yellow root, (golden seal). Green sang was worth 75 cents a pound, while yellow root retail at 50 cents a pound dry. After an hour or two we had a pocket full of sang, valued at 25 cents, and about an equal value of yellow root done up in a bark basket. We appeared our hunger somewhat by chewing sang stocks and Indian lettuce. While this was good as far as it went, it did not go far enough, so we stayed our stomach by a very minute bite of an Indian turnip, which almost blistered the end of the tongue.

When we got back to the place

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TALES OF MEAN FISHING

A Sport Starts to Tell of Fishing Prospects, but Gets Miscellaneous When at Case

Thus far the season has been the most unprofitable on record for the bass fisher. The open season has been here for over two weeks, and we have yet to hear of a good catch made near town. Of course fisherries are coming from Cass; the bass going up to the foot of the dam where they wait reinforcements before trying to make the rifle. The recruits come and the food supply gets short, and the man with a hook and line has the chance of a life time. Thousands of pounds of fish have been caught there this spring, mostly suckers, but quite a few trout have met their end also.

The opening day was Sunday, and at Marlinton